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SUBJECT: IBA SECGEN ON GEORGETOWN MEETING AND GOS-ALCOA ACCORD

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QM SURINAMER IBA SEC GEN, HENRI GUDA, DESCRIBES GEORGETOWN MEETING AS ALMOST ENTIRELY TAKEN UP WITH ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (BUDGET, MEMBERSHIP, ETC.) AND GETTING ACQUAINTED. GUDA TOLD CONSUL GENERAL VIRTUALLY NOTHING TANGIBLE ACCOMPLISHED IN RESPECT AGREED POSITIONS AMONG MEMBERSHIP. INSTEAD, THERE WAS FREE-WHEELING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, WITH INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS LOFTING VARIETY OF TENTATIVE SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS ON WHAT IBA SHOULD ACCOMPLISH FOR MEMBERSHIP. THE REALLY HARD WORK, STUDY AND RESEARCH, POLICY FORMATION LIES AHEAD.

2. SEC GEN VAGUE ON BAUXITE UNIT OF CURRENCY PROPOSED BY BURNHAM AND DISCOUNTS IT FOR NOW AS JUST ONE OF MANY NOTIONS VOICED TO ELICIT REACTION, INSIGNIFICANT IN THIS CASE. HE DESCRIBES IDEA AS DEVICE TO GUARD BAUXITE'S "REAL VALUE" (PRESUMABLY SET BY IBA) AGAINST FLUCTUATIONS OF NATIONAL CURRENCIES. "BUT WE ARE NOT OPEC," GUDA ADDED, REPEATING HIS NOW-FAMILIAR REFRAIN, "WE AREN'T IN CONFRONTATION WITH ANYONE; WE WANT CONSUMERS TO KEEP CONSUMING."

3. GUDA'S IMPLIED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF IBA MEETING ECHOED BY MINDEVELOPMENT CAMBRIDGE WHO TOLD US CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE "GENERALLY" REFLECTED SURINAM VIEWS THOUGH HE HAD WISHED FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF REVENUE POLICIES AND HOW APPROACH CONSUMERS. SURINAM DID NOT, WE GATHER, TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN PROCEEDINGS.

4. GUDA, "SPEAKING PERSONALLY, NOT AS SEC GEN," WAS MILDLY CRITICAL OF GOS-ALCOA SETTLEMENT. HE ASSERTED SURINAM COULD HAVE GOTTEN MORE AND "AGREEMENT WILL NOT GO DOWN IN HISTORY BOOKS AS BEST EVER." SEC GEN CONTINUED, "I GET SUSPICIOUS WHEN COMPANY EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH SETTLEMENT PROVIDING SF 50 MILLION" (SIC).

5. GUDA DEPARTS FOR JAMAICA TOMORROW, RETURNS HERE FOR HOLIDAYS AFTER FEW DAYS SHOPPING IN MIAMI, THEN MOVES PERMANENTLY TO KINGSTON AND IBA JOB AFTER FIRST OF THE YEAR.

6. COMMENT: GUDA'S IMPRESSIONS OF IBA CONFERENCE FOLLOW SAME GENERAL VEIN OF REPORTS OF OTHER CONFEREES' REACTIONS
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TO MEETING. HIS REMARKS ON GOS-ALCOA SETTLEMENT ARE WORTH REMEMBERING IN CONTEXT ANNUAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH CRITICISM MAY ALSO BE SEEN IN LIGHT HIS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED DISDAIN FOR GOS. HE OBLIGED REMOVE IBA HAT WHEN KNOCKING ALCOA SETTLEMENT SINCE (1) JAMAICAN FORMULA LINKING INGOT PRICE TO BAUXITE IS FEATURE OF PACT AND (2) SIR EGERTON RICHARDSON AND CARLTON DAVIS, JAMAICANS ON IBA EXECUTIVE BOARD, WERE IN TOWN WEEKEND BEFORE COMPANY

TALKS TO "EXCHANGE VIEWS" WITH GOS. HENCE AGREEMENT PRE-SUMABLY HAS AT LEAST TACIT SUPPORT JAMAICANS AND IBA. NONE-THELESS, ALCOA/SURALCO CAN EXPECT SOMETHING MORE THAN PRO-FORMA JOINT REVIEW OF MUTUALLY HAILED AGREEMENT IN 1975.
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